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WHAT CAMDENSAYS of the Status of the West Virginia

Legislature. REPUBLICAN ON JOINT BALLOT.

The Ex-Senator Declares he Never was a Candidate

TO SUCCEED MR. FAULKNER

And is not Taking any Interest in the Matter, as he is Getting his Business in Shape to Take a Needed Rest. Has no Doubt that a Republican will be Chosen United States Senator-The Object of that Secret Democratic Conference at Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 23. Ex-Senator Johnson N, Camden, who has been strongly spoken of in the state press as the only Democrat who, in case of a possible deadlock, could knock the senatorial plum from this state as a successor to Senator Faulkner, was een at his office by a reporter to-day and asked as to his candidacy. In reply to the question he said in

andidate for the position, and will not be. I have not taken any interest in the matter, and know little about the status of the coming legislature, except as I have learned it from the state ress. In the first place the matter would not be consistent with the plans I have been formulating for several years, namely that of getting my busi-ness into such shape so as to take a rest. "FROM WHAT I CAN LEARN THE

"FROM WHAT I CAN LEARN THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE REPUBLICAN ON JOINT BALLOT, AND A REPUBLICAN SENATOR WILL BE ELECTED, providing the candidates of that party do not get up a fight among largest the services." ott and Atkinson are avowed can-

emselves. "Soot and Atkinson are avowed candates, and are making a hot fight for the place. Judge Goff, I believe, has so announced himself as a candidate, and, I think, does not really want the matorship, but would take it if elected, think the only Democratic chances lie a the possibility of any one of these are not being able to carry the following of the others. The Regublicans will ardly allow this condition to lose them als important position, however."
"What do you think, senator, of the uses of state senators Pierson and etzendanner," was asked.
"I am not prepared to give any opinion on that subject except that the mate is Republican and they will be eated."

STILL SCHEMING. The Secret Conference of Democrati

at Parkersburg-Its Object. necial Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 23 .he Democratic conference held here ing affair. It was secret, of course, and rump up charges against M. B. Morris and the Republicans to offset the con test notice against B. F. Kidd, Demo-crat, of the Fourth senatorial district. Two candidates for the United States attended this conference, one of was J. T. McGraw, who expects elected if the Democrats can an a majority. The other candi-is Taylor Vinson, of Huntington, opes the result will be so close e Republicans will lose the legisure by one majority. In that case he uid be a dark horse candidate as a Democrat, and hopes to keep gh Democrats out of the caucus, combined with Republicans, could

WILD CAT SCHEMES

of Speculators in Porto Rico to be SHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22,-In-

mation has reached the administraon that the local governments of cit s and large towns in Cuba and Porto tice are constantly being besieged by apitalists and promoters with a view securing valuable railroad and other ranchises and concessions at figures clow their value. The matter was disussed at to-day's cabinet mesting and astructions will be sent at once to the military governors to exercise extreme are in approving such grants, and if my grants be found to be not in the discussion of the meaning or served at sts of the people or secured at below their real value to vet n forthwith. nce the close of the war numerou

Since the closs of the war numerous whereas to secure the monopoly of street lighting, street railroads, etc., have been started on the assumption that when the United States took the control of affairs large sums of money would seek investment there and that fortunes could be easily made. The local governments, it is said, have been lisposed to grant these monopoles very freely upon the payment down of a moniforable sum, but from this time-forward each cases will be carefully extulnized and all wildcat schemes will a promptly vetoed.

RUSHING TROOPS

To Cuba so as to be Able to Meet all of the Demands.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.te la every evidence in the war de ment that strenuous efforts are don to put enough American troops uba to meet any call upon them ough the speedy evacuation of the nish garrisons. All the transports cliable at Atlantic ports are being pared under rush orders for sailing th. The Spanish are carreing out if evacuation contract with unusual

CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY

Likely to be Modified to Meet Conditions in the Construction and Control of Nicaraguan Canal. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—It is

ecepted as little short of certain in the best informed official and diplomatic circles that negotiations will be opened at an early day toward so modifying the Clayton-Bulwer treaty as to meet the conditions of the present day concerning American construction and control of the Nicaraguan canal. But while recent events on both sides of the water have made this move obvious, the British embassador, Sir Julian Paunce-fote has not, up to the present time, received any instructions to open nego tistions on this subject, nor is there any tiations on this subject, nor is there any intimation that instructions are about to be received. For this reason some surprise is expressed in high diplomatic quarters at seeming authoritative announcements that Sir Julian has such instructions in hand or is about to receive them, and will execute them during holiday week by opening conferences with the state department. In the passers of all instructions on the matabsence of all instructions on the mat-ter, the ambassador could not have made an authoritative statement, and had such instructions been received he is not in the habit of giving authoritative disclosures of his purposes. At the same time it is thought to be quite like-

negotiations of this character.

The United States charge d'effaires at London, Mr. Henry White, is at present the guest of Lord Salisbury at Hatfield house and unofficial cable reports have indicated that the visit might have some connection with the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. In social feature of the holidays. If, how-yer, it has an official significance, there are phases likely to come up outside of the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer It will be recalled that the President's

It will be recalled that the President's recent message, referring to American construction of the canal, was misinterpreted by the English press to mean that the United States intended to disregard the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and go ahead with the canal without reference to England. This view was promptly disavowed by officials here. Since then there has been about time for the official mail to reach London and this doubtless permits a fuller clearing up of the erroneous impression that the English press and public and possibly the officials took of the President's references to the canal.

It is felt that this better understand-It is felt that this better understand

may naturally lead up to instruc-as from the foreign office to take up the whole subject, but as stated, no i ctions have been received up to th time and there is no intimation that they are about to be given.

NO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN! To Ambassador Panncefote, Though

It is Likely They Will Be. LONDON, Dec. 23.—There seems to be little doubt that Great Britain will

agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The temper of the cabinet and public opinion, which largely influences the government's policy, points to such action, though no definite understand-ing with the United States has yet been Great Britain desired that the Nicar-

agua canal be constructed and is will-ing that the United States should con-trol if the United States guarantees its itrality and safeguards British inter

neutrality and safeguards British interests.

The reports from Washington that the British ambassador there, Silv Julian Pauncefote, has been instructed to negotiate the abrogation of the treaty are incorrect, though it is likely he will soon receive instructions to that effect. The impression here is that the British foreign office and the United States' charge d'affairez, Mr. Henry White, incidental to his visits to cabinet ministers, will arrange the basis of action. Mr. White spent part of the week with the Marquis of Saliebury at Hatfield house and he goes to-day with his family to spend Christmas week with the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth house, Derbyshire, the country the council. There Mr. White will et another influential minister. Lord George Hamilton, the secretary of state for India. Anglo-American questions

A New Counterfeit.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23,lew counterfeit \$1 silver certificate has been discovered. It is of the series of 1896, Bruce register, Roberts treasure and apparently printed from phote etched plates on heavy bond paper. Nattempt has been made to imitate the silk fibre, and the treasury number habeen traced with blue writing full which blurs when dampered as does the red coloring applied to the seal. The execution is poor and the work would deceive only the most careless handler. 1896 Bruce register. Roberts treasurer.

Stamp Frands Discovered. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.-In riew of the fact that fraud has been discovered in connection with the caniscovered in commentary and adhesive ellation of documentary and adhesive nternal revenue stamps, by which old tamps were reused, the internal reve-auc bureau to-day issued a regulation which requires all such stamps to be cancelled with the initials of the user, gether with the month, day and year ritten or stamped thereon. Hitherto e month and day of cancellation has

Thank the President. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23 -The following has been received here:

HABANA, Dec. 22. To McKinley, President of the Unite The city council in solemn session has

The city council in solemn session has resolved in the name of the people of Habana, to return its warmest thanks to gou for the contribution sent in all of the needs poor.

(Signed.) MARQUIS ESTEBAN.

Slick Practice in Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.-Th postmaster general has received word from the postal agent at Porto Ricc that he has stopped out of fairness to this government, the practice which has been carried on by certain mayors of Porto Rican cities of affixing simply the maporalty scale to mail matter when postings stamps are lacking in their of-

The Governor in Oil.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer, CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 23.—J. the design of the man design o

OLD GLORY TO FLY

From El Morro, Havana, at Noon on January 1.

THE PROGRAMME ARRANGED

For the Transfer of the Government of Cuba by the Spanish Commissioners to the Americans-Our Vessels in the Harbor to Salute Spanish Flag Before it is Forever Lowered on the Island-Spanish Troops Remaining After the First of the Year to be Treated as Foreigners in a Friendly Country.

HAVANA, Dec. 22.-At the foint meeting of the United States and Spanish military commissioners to-day the programme was finally agreed upon for he exchange of flags on January 1 at noon. Just before 11 o'clock the American war vessels will fire a salute of twenty-one guns in honor of the Spanish flag. Promptly at 12 o'clock the Spanish flags on the various public ulldings will be lowered and immedietely thereafter the stars and stripes ately thereafter the stars and stripes will be hoisted over El Morro, and the public buildings of the city, while Spanish artilleries at Cabanas fortreas will salute the American vessels with twenty-one guns. Spanish warships in the harbor participating in the salute. At the same hour the Spanish troops, if any then remain in the city, will be paraded in barracks and will render proper salute to the American forces passing.

To be Treated as Guests.

It was agreed at the joint meeting but the Spanish troops remaining in Cuba after January 1 should be consid-Cuba arter January I should be consultered in the light of foreign troops in a friendly country and to be accorded the privileges usually granted under international law. The quarters, buildings and grounds occupied by them are to be covered by the immunities of extra territoriality and further stipulations were entered into respecting the prevention of any disturbance of public order conquent upon their presence. Matanzas and Clenfuegoo will doubt-

ess be the only places where Spanish roops will remain, after January 1, and lenfuegos will be evacuated last. The ain under the safeguard of the Amer ican flag, the Spanish authorities prov-iding medicines, attendance and food, epatriating them on recovery.

Generals Wade, Butler and Clous, ac

Generals Wade, Butler and Clous, ac-companied by their aides, were receiv-ed at the palace to-day with full mili-tary honors. The Spanish trumpeters blew a flare and the police guards sa-lated. The same ceremonies marked the retirement of the American officers. The Eighth and Tenth regular infan-try regiments occupied the forts at El Vedado to-day, but there are no Ameri-can tlars in sight.

Vedado to-day, but there are no American flags in sight.

The Spanish transport Darmstadt sailed to-day for Cadiz with 2,725 officers and men. About 8,000 Spanish troops have embarked this week for Spain, some 8,000 others are left in Havann. It is estimated that there are 15,000 Spanish soldiers at Matanzas and there are about 30,000 Spanish troops in Clenfuegos. The Spanish troops in Clenfuegos. The Spanish troops here will withdraw to Matanzas and Clenfuegos after January 1.

arrived here with stores.

The widow and daughter of General Callxto Garcia have been left in poverty and patriotic societies are contributing to their relief.

Preparations for processions, dinners and speeches on New Year's day are being made all over Cuba.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON RETURNS. Talks About The Condition of Affairs Cubn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-Admiral Sampson, who arrived from Cuba today, said that the perfecting of the custom house service and the official police in the island were the two most im periant features in connection with periant features in connection water Cuba. When General Greene and Chief McCollogh and established their police force, as thought there would be little disorder. The admiral said the material benefit from the reduction of the Chian custom receipts could not be

on said:
"It does not make any difference whether they are or not. We are down here, and our government will go on as one as it is measure."

there, and our government with go on along as it is necessary.

The admiral said that De Castro, the civil governor of Havana was doing as well as could be expected, and by the first of January all of Cuba would be officially evacuated except Matanzas and one or two other points, Regarding the suffering throughout Cuba, which the suffering throughout Cuba, which Mrs. Sampson has been working hard to

and one of work thoughout Cuba, which Mrs. Sampson has been working hard to alleviate. Admiral Sampson said:

"The government is issuing rations regularly, but the reconcentrados are now scattered, and there is the difficulty. Many of them have clied and many more will de. They lock tools to work their farms and the only crop they could raise now is sweet potatoes. It is too late to raise sugar."

Reverting to the question of the future of Cuba Admiral Sampson said:
"The wealthiest and most influential people in Cuba want the Island annexed to the United States, whether as a state or as a territory they don't much care. But there are many Cubans who failnk that they are able to govern themselves. Cuba at present certainly is in no condition to govern itself. The question of what shall become of Cuba, will not be settled for a year at least and possibly not for two or three years. In the meanwhile the military government by the United States will go on."

to cry "Viva Cuba Libre." The marquis, who is one of the richest men in the island, and of a noted family, complained to Captain General Castellanos and a note on the subject was sent to the subject was sent to he American evacuation commission The Marquis De Pinar Del Rio and other prominent Spanlards are determine to leave Cuba, their friends may "unle the United States establishes a strong government and they are assured an ple protection."

SAGASTA CRITICALLY ILL

And his Condition Excites Grave Anxiety in Spain-Six Physicians are in Consultation.

MADRID, Dec. 23.-The condition of lenor Sagasta, the premier, now causes grave anxiety. Six physicians were in onsultation this afternoon regarding his case and concurred that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia with high temperature and an unfavorable

high temperature and an unfavorable absence of expectoration.

There is no doubt that his illness is aggravated by the strain of recent events. The queen regent telephones inquiries as to his condition and this evening sent her own physician to attend him.

According to a dispatch received here from Iloilo, Island of Panay, several engagements have taken place between the Spaniards and the insurgents and many of the latter have been tilled or wounded.

wounded.

It is asserted that Aguinaldo has cabled to the government saying he will shortly release the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the insurgents. This statement, however, has not been confirmed.

TO TAKE WAKE ISLAND.

To be Used as a Cable Station Between Hawaii and the Philippines. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The gov-ernment has decided to hoist the flag ver another island far out in the Pacific ocean, and orders were sent out late this afternon to the commander proceed at once to take possession of the Wake Island, lying in latitude 19N, long Itsland, lying in latitude 19N, longitude 166E. It is distant about 2,000 miles from Nihau, the western-most of the Hawaiian Islands and 1,300 miles east from Guara of the Bennington, Captain Taussig, to

most of the Hawaiian Islands and 1,000 miles east from Guam.

It is almost in a direct line between these possessions of the United States and is admirably adapted for use as a station for a Pacific cable to connect the station for a Pacific cable to connect the Philippines with Hawaii and the United States. It is about three miles in length and encloses a lagoon of salt water. The average height of the island is eight feet above high tide. It is correly capable in itself of sustaining life, but it is expected that a cable statence are he maintained without diffimaintained without diffition can be maintained without diffi-culty by the erection of a condensor to

upply fresh water. Some station in this locality is deemod to be absolutely necessary to the eason the American peace commissionrs at Paris endeavored to secure one of the Caroline islands, but without success. Wake Island is said to be by right already American territory, for in 1851 Admiral Wilkes surveyed the place and asserted title. It is not inhabited. so far as known at the present time, though in the past some Guano gather-ers have temporarily lived on the is-

The Bennington is now at Honolulu and the orders to her go out by steamer. After holsting the flag on Wake Island she will proceed to Guam and make the survey of the island which was ordered some time ago. She has already completed a survey of pearl harbor, seven miles from Honolulu which will form the foundation of the government island for the enlargement of the harbor there and the straightening of the channel connecting the inner harbor with the ocean.

AS FROM THE GRAVE.

Arrival of Schooner and Crew Given up for Lost-Captain Says their Safety is Due to Providence.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 23.-The issing four-masted Philadelphia chooner, Matilda D. Borda, Captain Morton, which sailed from Portsmouth, No. H., November 25 for this port, the day before the terrific gale which caused such sacrifice of life and property along the coast and which was blown over 1,000 miles out of her course, arrived here to-night in tow of the tug Asa Hughes. The home coming of the crew of this vessel, which had for some time been given up as lost was one that will be long remembered by their relatives who have passed through weeks of great anxiety.

The experience of Captain Norton and his men was a thrilling one as the vessel scudded off shore before the terrific gale, with seas leaping high over rifice gale, with seas leaping high over the local strick in discussions. N. H., November 25 for this port, the

tives who have passed through weeks of great anxiety.

The experience of Captain Norton and his men was a thrilling one as the vessel scudded off shore before the terrific gale, with seas leaping high over her. She was provisioned only for a short run and for days the men have been subsisting on reduced rations.

The British steamship Trinidad, supplied them with some food, otherwise it is not unlikely they would have perished from hunger. Captain Norton upon learning of the fearful havor wrought by the storm, said that their safe arrival was due to an interposition of providence. of providence

Out of a Five Months' Trance. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.-Tony troshelt, a young woman twenty-three years of age, who has been in a trance or the past five months at her home in this cits, was brought to her normal is city, was brought to her normal indition through the influence of hypotism. Miss Broshelt retired as usual her apartments on the 22rd of last size. On the following morning when was time to awaken, she kept on seping, and though at times she would en her eyes, she seemed unconscious her surroundings. The case has bafd many physicians. At last an applition of "suggestive therapeaultes," a rm of hyprotism, was tried and the tient to-day was brought out of her three. Though weak she was able to

Looks Like Hitt.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-A dispatch to the Press from Washington says: The Indications are that Robert E. Hitt, of Illinois, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, has been asked to acombassadorship to Russla by Cullom recently recommend

ed Mr. Hitt for the British post. This is of importance as an indication that Mr. Hitt is willing to leave Congress to enter the diplomatic service. Up in Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23,-Herman Grunberg died to-day at the Pacific Hebraw home, aged 103 years, Nineteen

BRYAN ENLISTS AGAIN,

But in a New War-Fires His Opening Gun at Lincoln-Says Silver is Not Dead - His Sophistry About the Philippines.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 23.-Col. W. J Bryan returned to Lincoln this after-noon and was to-night tendered a reception at the Oliver theatre, by the Woman's Bi-metallic League. The house was crowded and Colonel Bryan received an ovation. He was introduc ed by Governor Holcomb, who formally med him home and complimented him for his patriotism in enlisting in the army.
After thanking his neighbors for their

cordial welcome and complimenting the members of his regiment and Colonel Vivquain in whose charge he left them, he justified his resignation as follows:

Vivquain in whose charge he left them, he justified his resignation as follows:

"I had five months of peace in the army and resigned in order to take a part in a fight. I am as much interested in the people of the United States as I am in the people of Cuba and unless I am mistaken in judging we are called upon to meet snore important problems in the United just now than will confront our army in Cuba.

The American people have not accepted the pold standard as final. It has wrought more injustice in our country during the last twenty-five years than Spain has wrought in all her colonies and opposition to it will grow until the gold and silver colonage of the constitution is fully restored. The trusts which now flourish in defiance of law are more meritiess than Woyler and the new trust—the paper money of the cauton—is a greater menace to the country's welfare than any foreign foe.

The principal part of Mr. Brywn's speech was devoted to the Philippine question. In this connection, he referred to President McKiniey's inquiry. "Who will haul down the flag?" and replied:

"The flag is a national emblem and is obedient to the national will. It was made for the people, not the people for the flag raised they raise it; when they want it hauled down, they haul it down. The flag was raised upon Candan soil during the war of 1812 and it was hauled down when peace as restored. The flag was raised upon Chapul-tepec during the war with Mexico, and it was hauled down when the as over.

"Our flag stands for an indissoluble union of Indestructible states. Every

"Our flag stands for an indissoluble union of indestructible states. Every state is represented by a star and every territory sees in the constitution a star of hope that will some day take its place in the constellation. What is there in the flag to awaken the zeal or reflect the aspirations of vassal colonies which are too good to be cast awag, but not good enough to be admitted to the not good enough to be admitted to the sisterhood of states.

sisterhood of states.

"Shall we keep the Philippines and amend our flag? Shall we add a new star—the blood star Mars—to indicate that we have entered upon a career of conquest? Or shall we borrow the yel-low, which in 1896, was the badge of gold and greed, and paint Saturn and his rings, to suggest a carpet-bag gov-ernment with the schemes of spoila-tion? Or shall we adorn our flag with a

"EMBALMED BEEF." General Miles Still Pursuing Investi-

gations in the Matter. CINCINNATI, Ohlo, Dec. 22.—Gen

ral Miles returned to Washington today, after being the guest of honor last night at the New England banquet. The Commercial Tribune to-day has the following interview with him: When asked as to the investigation

into the beef ration scandal he is now making, to which he referred to in his testimony Wednesday, General Miles "My suspicions were aroused several

army embarked. Was the supply no better before the transports sailed than after the army was established in "It was the same at Tampa, and the

"It was the same at Tampa, and the same at Jacksonville."

"Will you give a little more light on what you meant by this assertion in your testimony before the war commission yesterday?"

General Miles suggested that the food was sent to his large army under pretense of an experiment. "I think," continued General Miles, "that that sentence is sufficiently piain. Presense," he said, "is the exact term to be used. It is absurd to pretend that these enormous quantities of beef were sent to an entire army simply as an experiment. To expect that beef can be exposed to the tropical sum for sixty hours without mortifying is out of the question."

"How about the chemicals used in

"How about the chemicals used in preparing this beet?"

"As I stated in my testimony. I believe that the action of these chemicals was largely responsible for the sickness in the army. I have medical authority for this statement, and I believe it to be true."

"How far along has your own investigation into this subject progressed?"

"It began several months ago. I have the testimony of a large number of officers upon this matter, some of which I gave in my testimony before the commission yesterday. My inquiry is still in progress, and some of the most important information I have received has been acquired in the last few days." "What channel will this investigation

"What channel will this investigation take upon its conclusion?"
"I will not discuss that. It is my duty to investigate any wrong existing in the army, and that I am now doing in the regular military manner. The work is not completed yet, and until it is done I will have nothing to add to the statement I made before the war commission yesterday."
"What was the matter with the tents?"
"There were not grouph of them "There were not enough of them, they were not suited to stand the wear and some of them were poor."

THERE ARE OTHERS

ble on the Beach.

COUNTER CONSPIRACY

In the Ranks of the Conspirators that will Make Troublous Sailing for the Agile Manipulator of Recounts-A Movement on Foot to Block his Senatorial Aspirations-A new Candidate, Fairfax Landstreet, of Tucker County, Being Groomed. An Empty Honor in any Event.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 23.— Evidence is rapidly accumulating to demonstrate that Commander McGraw cruise for the United States senatorracy, whose leader he affects to be and over whom it has been supposed he has had absolute sway, there is a quiet

ommander's flagship. It is now pretty generally known in the state that McGraw's purpose in making the fight in the Second district was to boom his aspirations for the United States senate. He knew there would be lethargy and apathy among the Republicans—indifference and dis-United States senate. Be new there would be lethargy and apathy among the Republicans—indifference and discontent, indeed—as there senarally is in an off year among the members of the dominant party, and he grasped the opportunity to become a martyr. It is said he has been since conducting a very sly campaign—consists other candidates into the belief that he is for each of them as long as there is a chance for either (or both) but leaving each under the impression that there is no other charmer quite so charming as he, and if he should not succeed, why, then, of course, McGraw might be induced to accept the legacy.

This sort of tactics has brought upon Mr. McGraw the criticism which falls to the lot of all truly great men who become anxious to sacrifice themselves—when their plans become public.

A New Candidate.

A New Candidate.

The young Democracy, therefore, and ome of older blood, have been in the some of older blood, have been in the open field in search of a candidate who can command the support of the active, conservative, progressive element of the party, and have found such an one, it is said, in the person of Air. Fairfax S. Landstreet.—'Fax' Landstreet, as he is familiarly known—of Tucker county. It is understood Mr. Landstreet has been urged to enter the lists. He is said to be a nephew by marriage of Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis. It is also understood Mr. Davis has been, or will be asked to assist in persuading Mr. Landstreet to accept the nomination. This new candidate commands the respect, personally, of Democrate and Republicans alike in the north half of the state. He is energetic, capable and shrewd as a politician, but has heretofore refused all advances made to induce him to run for local or state offices. He was prominently mentioned

minor stars representing remote and insignificant dependencies?
"No, a thousand times better to baul down the stars and stripes and substitute the flag of an independent republic than to surrender the doctrines that give glory to 'Old Glory.'" for the Democratic nomination to a gress in the Second district last and declined. It is said of him the would be the harmonizing candidate case of a deadlock, and that no be one can be found in the state.

Since the rumor of his possible can be found in the state.

His Discreet Silence. lacy has got abroad, Mr. Landstr ewspaper friends have been zealously ndeavoring to get some expression, one way or the other, from him, but he observes a discreet silence. It is believed he is waiting to see how the Kanawha

he is waiting to see how the Kanawha winds blow in January.

This "state of affairs" is, of course, subject to but the one condition of Democratic supremacy in the legislature—a contingency most remote. Leaders in the fore of the faithful have conceded that the Republicans have a lawful majority of one on joint ballot. Some of these leaders say McGraw canot get a majority of the mimority. Then, again, ex-Governor McCorkle, who has been hinted at as an aspirant, s by no means a weak vessel when it ratic caucus. That Mr. McGraw is by no means the

lone pebble on the senato quite apparent from even the D

Railroad Chartered. Special Dispatch to the Intelligen CHARLESTON, W. Va. Dec. 23.-

he secretary of state here has b charter to the Sistersville, Penns charter to the Sistersvine, Fenns oro & Burnsville Rallroad Company or the purpose of constructing and op-rating a railroad from Sistersville to urnsville, Braxton county. The prin up office is to be kept at Burnsville apital subserbled, 250,000, divided in Capital subscribed, \$200,000, divided in-to shares of \$10 each. The shares are held by M. K. Duty, L. P. Wilson, J. V. Dotts, J. R. Wilson, B. F. Wilson, W. B. Kelly and H. H. Broadwater, all res-idents of Riichle county.

New Printing Bids.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. The commissioners of public printing hald a meeting this afternoon, and ad journed until January 2, 1890, noon. journed until santairy a see, and the meantime all the old bidders will be permitted to re-state their, bids to make new ones, and new bids will also be received according to the corrected specifications, which will be supplied to all who apply for them at the auditor's office. The board decided to take this action on account of errors in the specifications and bids:

A "Terrible Turk" Vanquished. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. M.-Ghani

Bey, the sultan's aide de camp, was murdered yesterday by Hafor Pacha in a quarrel which took place in a pastry ok's home. Ghani Bey became notorout owing to the inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. The officials of the foreign embassics have frequently demanded the punishment of Ghani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

Oh, Would We? BERLIN, Dec. 22 .- At the annual convention of the Conservative party in

East Pruseis to-day, Count Klinkowdroein, referring to the meat inspec-Con law, said that when Dr. Vo.

MORE EVIDENCE

Adduced Confirming the Burning of Standard Oil Company Books-Offcers Cant Find the Company's

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.-Evidence as secured from additional witnesse to-day to show that books and papers belonging to the Standard Oll Company had been destroyed on November 19 and 21.

and II.

The first witness examined before notary Mason to-day was George Fields, who was claimed to have sent employes of the company to the general offices after the books that were alleged to have been destroyed.

Fields testified that he was an employe in the car shops of the Standard Oil Company. He said that he was instructed by telephone to send two the structed by telephone to send two the to the general offices. He thought that it was on November 19. He sent William Mocan and McNierny in the morning and in the afternoon Gabeline and Schaaf went to help them.

The next witness was William Moran, a car repairer. Moran said that he was sent by Fields to the general offices on November 19, after the boxes of books and papers. Edward O'Hearn and McNierny went with him and Harry Gabeline and Henry Schaaf came in the

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afternoon.

Moran said that the boxes were about
three feet square and weighed about
two hundred pounds. The boxes were
about sixteen in number and were on
the sixth floor. They took part of them
down to the first floor, but the hallway
was narrow and they carried them back
to the second floor and lowered them to
the ground with a block and tackle
through a window. Moran said that
the boxes were loaded upon a wagon
and taken to a storehouse on Independence street. Moran said that on the
following Monday morning the Broadway office telephoned to the car shops
for two men. McNierny and himself
were sent. On that morning they took
some boxes from the storehouse to the
river pumphouse. He did not know
whether they were the same boxes that
they had got Saturday. They took the
boxes to the furnaces, opened them and
burned the contents. Moran admitted
that he had talked with Attorney S. H. boxes to the furnaces, opened them and burned the contents. Moran admitted that he had talked with Attorney S. H. Tolles, of the Standard, yesterday in re-gard to the destruction of the boaks. On cross-examination by Attorney Tolles, Moran said that he knew a lot of Tolles, Moran said that he thew a tot of books and papers were burned a year ago, but he did not help burn them. The books were burned Saturday in the car shop and on Monday in the pumphouse. Nobody said anything to him about

keeping the matter secret, Several other witnesses appeared to-day, but their depositions were not ta-ken. Constable McMahon was sent to subpoena several bookkeepers and clerks employed at the Euclid avenue offices, but came back with the report that he had been unable to find any of the men he had been looking for. An-other effort was also made to-day to other effort was his made to-asy to subpoena Secretary Squire, of the Standard Oil Company, and Frank Rockefeller, but neither could be found. An officer was equally unsuc-cessful in locating Charles Ricks, of the Standard Oil office.

The taking of depositions was con-tinued until 9 o'clock to-morrow morn-ler.

DESPERATE ROBBERS.

Determined Chase Brings One of

Them to Bay. UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Two men vere seen entering the barn on the farm of Mrs. Margaret Brown, near Cassville, last night. Mrs. Brown's son and farmhand named Mooney halled the nen, who fired upon them with a re-

men, who fired upon them with a revolver, a bullet striking Mooney in the
abdomen and inflicting a dangerous
wound. The robbers jumped into a
sleigh and drave towards Utica.
Neighbors of Mrs. Brown telephoned
for a surgeon and gave pursuit to the
robbers, who in their flight dropped an
overcoat, which belonged toa man at Unadilla Forks, whose house they had robbed and whose horse and cutter they
had stolen. The rig was abandoned
four miles from the city near Yorkville.
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The landlord, hearing of the affair at Mrs. Brown's, and suspecting the stran-gers, telephoned for an officer. Before an officer could reach Yorkville, the men left, but were followed by a bridge builder named Beard. Discovering Beard, the men fired at but missed him. Others joined in the pursuit. The fugi-tives separated and the pursuers divided. Beard leading one posse. The man cd, Beard leading one posset, the installation chased by this party was brought to bay near the Mohawk river, when, after firing several shots and wounding Beard in the arm, he leaped into the river and swam across it in the midst-river and swam across it in the midst-of floating ice. Crossing by the bridge, Beard and his companions renewed the thase, finally coming up with the man, whom Beard grappled. A desperate fight ensued and Beard was shot a second time. Finally the desperado was over-come and brought to this city. Mooney identified the prisoner as the man who

THE POPE'S SPEECH Cardinals and Prelates.

ROME, Dec. 23 .- The Pope to-day, at he reception of the Christmas greetings of the cardinals and other prelates, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to their congratulations he referred to the sinister events of 1898, and said it was high time the overnments of Europe united to stop unheard of outrages and savage exter-inations." But, the pontiff added, this "unheart of outrages and savage exter-minations." But, the pointiff added, this could not be stopped until "the fear of God, the basis of all morality, is reviv-ed in the conscience of the people and becomes the guiding principle of the or-

becomes the guiding principle of the or-ganization of states."

In regard to the present position of the church in Italy, the pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reas-suring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church in violation of his dignity and rights, were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odlum upon the press, which openis espoused the de-fense of his interests and the interests of religion and morality."

press, which opens choose the fireness fense of his interests and the interests of religion and morality." Continuing, the pontiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from the seditious designs. The obsellence of the clergy to the apostolic see, whose rights they defended and whose intentions they seconded, is now being construed as a political offense. Nevertheless, imbued with the sense of their highest and duty, the clergy will not yield, either to flatteries or menaces and their firmness in finding response in numerous laguen deeply imbued with love for the papacy. It is thus, by the co-operation of the clergy and the laity, that the salvation of coming generations is assured."

BEYOND PARALLEL.

The Greatest Month in the Greatest Business Year

IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY.

ous Transactions on the Stock Exchange and Heavy Railroad Earnings-The Immense Outgo of Wheat and Corn-The Story of Iron Manufacture is Like a Dream. Europe Owes \$75,000,000 due ou Merchandiso Account for the Month of December Alone Bright Prospects for the Incoming Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-R. G. Dun & n to-morrow's Issue:

It is a year beyond parallel, and goes to its close with the biggest volume of ousiness ever seen. Enormous transactions at the stock exchange make some difference and heavy railroad earnings, but when all the transporting and speculative industries is eliminated there is a much larger business than in any other month of any year. Last year the exports were in volume greater than in any previous month in the history of the country. But this year the three weeks reported shows an increase of 35 per cent against 9 per cent in imports, which would indicate much more than 370,000,000 excess of exports this month. \$10,000,000 excess of exports this month-The payments through clearing houses have been for the week 25 per cent greater than in 1892, and for the month 1% per cent larger than in 1892. Until now no greater volume of business has ever been done in the history of this country than in the closing month of this year.

Grain Exports.

Shipments of wheat have been 2,285,-704 bushels, flour included, at Atlantic ports against 3,698,321 bushels last year, although western receipts for three weeks have been 25,085,815 bushels against 10,308,929 bushels last year, a fact which the believers in a small crop may well consider. From Pacific ports the shipments have been for the week. 1,341,046 bushels against 956,000 bushels last year. Considering the enormous exports from July 1 to date, exceeding last years, one can only wonder that the outgo this year has been so large and the price has risen during the week a cent and a half. Corn exports also ports against 3,698,321 bushels last year, and the price has risen during the week-a cent and a half. Corn exports also have been 3,824,836 bushels against 4,540,613 bushels last year, and for the month thus far, 11,012,138, against 10,-867,407 bushels last year. The price has advanced about 2% cents but the con-tinued foreign demand is astonishing. Like a Dream.

The story of the iron manufacture is like a dream. With 25,000 tons Bossemer pig sold at Pittsburgh for \$10 and grey forge at \$9.40 and Chicago sales works, and eastern sales so numerous and so large as to raise the price 25 cents, there is a demand for finished pipe for Yokonama and sales of smaller quantities in each class too numerous to mention. Prices of iron and steel products have not materially changed, although the tone is everywhere stronger and for wire halls, quotations have been advanced to \$1.30 at Pittsburgh. But this country is beating the world in this industry.

Next Year's Prospects.

All this business is done with full belief that the next year's demand will be greater than ever before, and it is creditable, especially in the iron and steel business that so little advance in prices of finished products have been made. The range of prices is nearly 20 per cent merchandise account for the month of December, besides the enormous bal-ances due for November and previous months, is a question which the try can afford to consider at its

and with comfort.

Failures for the week have been 258, against 292 in the United States last year, and 31 in Canada against 33 last year.

And a Divinity Student, too. THE POPE'S SPEECH NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 22,—
In Answer to Christmas Greetings of James P. Miller, a Yale divinity student and a three wears' graduate, has been arrested for shoplifting. He was seen by the detectives to purioin three books in a book store, and by tracking the man they discovered that he was evidentile a professional shoftlifter. Five thousand volumes were discovered of his rooms and at his home. The books ranged from editions de luxe to pocket editions. Two dealers have already coat fitted with pockets such as profes-

> BOSTON-Sylvania, Liverpool. NEW YORK-Europe, London. HALIFAX-Sitherlan, Glasgow. LIVERPOOL-Switzerland, Philadei-PHILADELPHIA-Nederland, Ant-

Movements of Steamshins.

sional thieves wear.

For West Virginia, Western Pennsylva-ila and Ohio, fair till Sunday; decidedly colder; westerly gales. The temperature yesterday, as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

Weather Forecast for To-day.

PIANO MUST BE SOLD.

Nevertheless, imbused with the sense of their high mission and duty, the elergy will not yield, either to flatteries or menness and their firmness in finding response in numerous lagmen deeply imbused with love for the panay. It is thus, by the co-operation of the elergy and the latty, that the salvation of coming generations is assured."

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